## State Suspends Prescribing Privileges of Delaware Physician Based on DEA Arrest

(DOVER, Del.) — Secretary of State Jeffrey Bullock has ordered the temporary suspension of the controlled substance registration of Dr. Alexandra Gold of Newark, Del. following her November 21<sup>st</sup> arrest for her role in illegally selling prescription drugs on the Internet. She is charged with conspiracy and possession with the intent to distribute controlled substances.

"The charges against Dr. Gold are among the most serious we have seen in Delaware for illegally dispensing prescription drugs and represent a clear threat to public safety," said Secretary Bullock. "The DEA has obviously spent a lot of time on this case and their complaint to the federal court is compelling and fully justifies this suspension."

In making his determination, Secretary Bullock considered the allegations of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) filed on November 21, 2013 in the U. S. District Court for the District of Delaware.

The criminal complaint alleges that Dr. Gold participated in the sale of controlled substances over the internet via the website "Silk Road" by shipping controlled substances through the mail in boxes of candy, utilizing an online alias identity and a shipping address registered to a fictitious company.

As a result of the action taken today, Dr. Gold's controlled substance registration suspension will remain in effect for no longer than 60 days, during which time a hearing must be held, unless Dr. Gold requests a continuance of the hearing date which will extend the suspension until the conclusion of all

criminal proceedings.

Dr. Gold's licensure status has been updated on the Division of Professional Regulation's online license verification service, which can be found by visiting <a href="mailto:dpr.delaware.gov">dpr.delaware.gov</a> and clicking "Verify License Online." You may also view the public order suspending Dr. Gold's controlled substance registration by clicking <a href="Temporary Suspension 2013">Temporary Suspension 2013</a> under Public Documents.

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